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Examiner: Binh-An D. Nguyen
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DEVICES
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE FILED UNDER

37 C.F.R. §1.312

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated 08/25/2004, the Applicant submits this amendment for your approval as allowed under M.P.E.P. §714.16 and 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Specifically, this amendment adds new dependent Claims 11 – 27, all of which depend from previously allowed independent Claim 10.

As required by M.P.E.P. §714.16, the Applicant now provides the following statements:

(A) Why the Amendment is Needed

The amendment adding dependent Claims 11 – 27 is necessary to more fully and completely claim the present invention. The new claims cover specific embodiments of the present invention that will cover products that may emerge very soon in the gaming industry. By adding these claims now, the Applicant hopes to provide a clear and definitive definition of the scope of the invention. This will not only help protect the Applicant's invention, but it will provide a clearer definition of the claims to any third parties who may make competitive products.

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